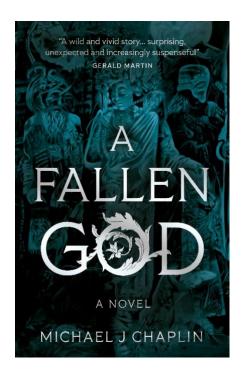


'Chaplin tells a wild and vivid story - surprising, unexpected, and increasingly suspenseful.' Gerald Martin, author of Gabriel García Márquez. A Life



## A Fallen God

**By Michael J Chaplin** 

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Prepare to embark on an electrifying literary adventure with 'A Fallen God'. Crafted by 77-year-old Michael J Chaplin, the eldest son of legendary icon Charlie Chaplin and Oona O'Neill. This debut historical fiction novel is a culmination of two decades of dedication. From the depths of his cellar in the Swiss village of Gruyères, Michael has woven a spellbinding retelling of the timeless Tristan and Isolt saga.

Set against the backdrop of tumultuous thirteenth-century France, where a fierce battle rages between the Church of Rome and the rebellious Cathar movement, Chaplin's debut breathes new life into the timeless Tristan and Isolt myth. For two decades Chaplin toiled in the cellar of his Swiss residence, meticulously crafting this reimagined saga of love, betrayal, and rebellion. The narrative thrusts readers into a vibrant marketplace, where an extraordinary encounter sets off a chain of events that intertwine the destinies of two souls, defying conventions and igniting an unforgettable love story.

From the grandeur of Wagner's compositions to the poetic verses of Tennyson, the magnetic romance of Tristan and Isolt has captivated the global stage and page for over a thousand years.

A Fallen God promises to captivate readers with its rich tapestry of historical intricacy, vivid characters, and an adrenaline-fueled rollercoaster through passion and revolution.



Tristan and Isolde with the Potion © John William Waterhouse





**Michael J Chaplin** was born in Santa Monica, California in 1946. Following his father, Charlie Chaplin's expulsion from America during the McCarthy era, Michael relocated with his family to Switzerland, where he spent his formative years. At the age of sixteen, in search of adventure, he ventured to London and explored various pursuits, including acting and screenwriting.

Eventually, Michael found himself in Southwest France, tending to the goats and nurturing a large family. As he worked the land once inhabited by the Cathars in medieval times, he was profoundly moved by the lingering melancholy that still permeated the area. Eager to fathom this sentiment, Michael delved into the history that would ultimately inspire his writing of *A Fallen God*.

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